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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : KLAUS KAISER, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/801,746  
Filed : March 15, 2004  
For APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR STERILIZATION  
OF LIQUID MEDIA BY MEANS OF UV IRRADIATION  
AND SHORT-TIME HEAT TREATMENT  
Art Unit : 1651  
Examiner : Thane E. Underdahl

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction requirement dated September 6, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect Group II, claims 7-27, drawn to the apparatus, with traverse.

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between claims 1-6 and 28, drawn to a process for sterilization of fluid media (denoted Group I by the Examiner) and claims 7-27, drawn to an apparatus for carrying out the process (denoted Group II by the Examiner).